

ADAMS COUNTY Commission Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
APRIL 14, 2026

The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session with the following present: Dustin Laufer, Kevin Pagel, and Steven West. Chairman Dustin Laufer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MARCH 10, 2026 MINUTES: Commissioner West moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Pagel by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

OFFICE FEES: Fees collected by county officers were paid to the Auditor/Treasurer for Road and Bridge \$98,983.06, Sheriff \$2,020.00 & Recorder \$1,603.60

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026, at 8:00 am as the next meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: financials were reviewed.

B O A R D

APPOINTMENTS: Two positions on the Weed Board and three positions on the ACDC require appointments. Commissioner West moved to re-appoint Kalen Manthei to the Adams County Weed Board, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. One remaining position on the Weed Board and the three on the ACDC board.

CONTRACT-DENNYS

ELECTRIC GENERATOR MAINTENANCE: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the maintenance contract in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the annual inspection of the Courthouse Winco generator and the hospital hill Kohler generators, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

A G R E E M E N T -

HETTINGER SD #13 -ELECTION: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the amended election agreement with Hettinger School, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

AGREEMENT ANNUAL

SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS: Commissioner West moved to approve the annual software and support agreement in the amount of \$9,900.00, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

AGREEMENT ND STATE

CLERK OF COURT SVCS: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the funding agreement with the State of ND for Clerk of Court services in the amount of \$2,809.00 per month, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

NDIRF ANNUAL

MEETING AND ELECTION: Commissioner West moved to approve Auditor/Treasurer, Faller, to vote the proxy, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. None of the Commission plans to go to the annual meeting.

911 COORDINATOR

POSITION: Commissioner West moved to approve paying Krista Faller the 911 Coordinator position salary from January to current, as the appointment was needed for a mandatory position, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE

AMENDMENTS-SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE Adams County Tax Director, Katie Roseland, was in attendance for any questions during the hearing. There was no one from the public in attendance. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the second reading and final passage of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Commission Chair, Laufer declared the Zoning Ordinance as updated and will have the

Adams County Recorder's Office record the document.

ZONING - DATA

CENTERS: Discussion was had on pros and cons of data centers. Adams County State's Attorney, Aaron Roseland, requested the Commission discuss additions to zoning on possible upcoming requests for data centers in Adams County. Adams County Tax Director, Katie Roseland discussed her thoughts on data centers. Ms. Roseland discussed the need to update County zoning to include data centers, solar farms, etc. Discussion was had on data centers, Ms. Roseland discussed the increased employment for data centers and the increase in taxable value was huge for other counties in North Dakota. Research and discussion should continue, and updates to zoning should happen soon. Discussion continued on Reeder, Bucyrus, and Haynes zoning, an agreement should be created to allow the county to facilitate their zoning or allow the cities to maintain their own zoning. Ms. Roseland has been conversing about this with the cities. Commissioner West questioned if Townships are in the same situation, Ms. Roseland explained what Century Code states on administering zoning.

LONGEVITY PAY: Two County employees have retired in the last month, Mr. Frank Fettig as VSO and Ms. Jan Schauer as a long-time Library employee. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the longevity pay for Mr. Fettig in the amount of \$125.00 for the 5 years of service to the county, and the longevity pay to Ms. Schauer in the amount of \$870.00 for her 29+ years of service to the county, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The Commission discussed their gratitude in the years they dedicated themselves to Adams County.

VETERAN SERVICE

OFFICER TRAINING PAY: Chris Upton, newly hired VSO, trained with Mr. Fettig for 16 hours in March before taking over the position in the Veteran Service Office. Commissioner West moved to approve the additional training pay in the amount of \$518.24 payable to Mr. Upton during the next county pay run, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ROOSEVELT CUSTER:

Commissioner West discussed the State of the Union meeting being held April 23rd at Phat Fish Brewing in Dickinson. Commissioner West did not think he would be able to attend but thought the meeting would be very beneficial. The other two Commissioners also did not think they would be able to attend as well, but thought requesting a re-cap would be good.

BROSZ ENGINEERING:

Billy and Lucas Doerr met with the Commission; Lucas started with updating on the several bridge and road construction project bidding dates happening soon. A preliminary set of plans on Unorganized Road needs was gone over between Lucas and Road Superintendent, Justin Blade. Plans were to add gravel to some of the roadways, mostly on 5th. Several culverts will need to be replaced, Mr. Blade planned to complete the culvert work with his crew before the roadwork would be completed. May timeline for bidding was discussed to allow the County crew to complete the pre-work. Bid opening will be planned for Monday May 11th at 1:15 pm in the Community Room. A construction completion date will be needed for the plans, it was discussed to have the completion date of Friday October 23rd. Lucas Doerr discussed changes to bridge inspections, new requirements will be met to have the bridge inspections completed within 90 days of a project. Updates to the Country Club Road project were given. The extra gravel needed for this would come

from the Haynes gravel pit. The bridge removal project would be removed in 2027, with bidding this winter. It was estimated to be about \$50k for engineering for this bridge, which would be at the expense of the county. Brosz Engineering will work on a scope and fee for the actual engineering needs. The CMC Route request was approved by the State for 11th Ave. Billy Doerr updated the Commission on the status of the Lakeview Drive Road, flex funding will have to funnel through Adams County, with reimbursement by pay applications. The County will need to figure out a process to bill Hettinger Twp for their share, as the bills will be sent to the county to pay, and then be reimbursed at the cost share allowed, approximately \$70k will be at the cost of Hettinger Twp. The road will be surfaced with asphalt and not planned to be widened. An engineering work order was presented from Brosz Engineering for the Lakeview Drive project, Hettinger Twp has already reviewed and approved the engineering agreement. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the Engineering Agreement, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. It was to be known that the project is fully funded by the grant funding besides the small portion from Hettinger Township. Lucas Doerr requested the temporary right of way funding options, it was decided to use the same amount as offered during the Country Club Road project. Commissioner West requested information on dust control for the Overhead Road project, and when it should be applied, as the Commission was not in favor of the application planned for October. It was decided to possibly remove the dust control part off the federal funded project due to the time of year allowed for completion.

ADAMS COUNTY ROAD

SUPERINTENDENT: Justin Blade met with the Commission to provide updates from his department. A new employee has been hired, Chris Hanson. Mr. Hanson will designate a majority of his time to City of Hettinger tasks but will also be helping with county activities as well. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the hiring of Mr. Hanson with the blessing of the Hettinger City Council at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Auditor/Treasurer, Faller and Road Superintendent, Blade, discussed the hourly rate of \$37.00 to be billed to Hettinger City, as that would be the amount to cover wage, benefits, and payroll taxes. Discussion was had on approaches to drainage issues along Haynes Road. Mr. Blade explained culverts are needed to fix the issue. An individual has been calling the Commission to complain about the drainage issue in his yard and requested assistance. The Commission requested that the road crew remove the dirt mounds out of the ditch when working in the area. A complaint on a tree by Sean Weinert's residence that is in the roadway and causing issue. The tree is on the South side of the road and is limiting the right of way. Mr. Blade will work on trying to remove the tree. A letter from the insurance company was presented from the company involved in the accident that happened over the last month involving a county truck. The trailer frame is bent, and the Commission shared their concerns about it not being totaled. The letter states not to run the equipment and cause more damage and gives the right for possible rental options. The Commission would like to see a new trailer be paid for quickly or to have the insurance company pay for a rental, so gravel can be hauled. Mr. Blade discussed this year's outside contractor work for gravel hauling, the commission was in favor of him working with Pro Point.

RIGHT OF WAY

REQUEST-DON EVANS:

Adams County Road Superintendent, Justin Blade, discussed the right of way request from Donald Evans. It was decided to table until the contractor actually makes the

request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SECTION: Adams County Librarian, Lanae Kristy, met with the Commission to discuss the tree removal needs, she is wondering about a grant that the city Tree Board will be applying for. It was estimated at \$2,500 for the removal from Caleb Waddington. It was decided that they would go forward with the tree removal as already approved. Ms. Kristy requested to have the Adams County Library start a Tik Tok account, as her new employee is very savvy with social media. The Commission was good with this. Ms. Kristy invited the Commission to a retirement party for Jan Schauer this Thursday.

ADAMS COUNTY ROAD

DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

BIDS: Eleven items were advertised for sale on bids, 17 bids were available to open, some containing bids for multiple items. Commission Chair, Dustin Laufer, opened the sealed bids:

- #1: Nathan Kalbach: 1995 GMC 1 ton \$525.00 & 2001 Dodge \$450.00
- #2 Jeff Oase: 1995 GMC 1-ton \$800.00
- #3 Jon and Chuck Spanger: 1989 Dodge ½ ton \$675.00
- #4 Chuck and Jon Spangler: 1983 Ford \$3,380.00
- #5 Craig Miller: 1983 Ford \$3,800.00
- #6 Larry Carr: 2001 Dodge \$340.00, 2007 Ford \$180.00, 1995 GMC \$340.00, 1999 Dodge \$280.00, 1989 Dodge \$240.00, 1983 Ford Semi \$1,800.00, 1996 Ford F700 \$480.00, JD Loader \$3,800.00, Chip Spreader \$180.00, Flatbed trailer \$140.00
- #7 Carson Chord 1995 GMC 1 ton \$1,001.00
- #8 Chuck and Jon Spangler 1994 JD loader \$8,800.00
- #9 James Anderson 1995 GMC \$770.00
- #10 Levi Steinmetz 1983 Ford \$1,500.00
- #11 Craig Silkman 1995 GMC 1 ton \$4,500.00, 1996 Ford F700 oil distributor \$4,000.00, 1985 chip spreader \$1,500.00, 1994 JD Loader \$10,000.00,
- #13 Levi Steinmetz: 1994 JD loader \$8,000.00
- #14 Dale Becker 1995 GMC \$3,750.00
- #15 Chuck and Jon Spangler: 1996 Ford F700 distributor truck \$675.00
- #16 Jack Hoffman: 1994 JD loader \$13,750.00
- #17 Scott Hanson: 2001 Dodge \$1,425.00, 2007 F150 \$275.00, 1989 Dodge \$1,157.00, 1983 Ford Semi \$3,357.00, homemade trailer \$412.00

Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the high bids for 10 items, second by Commissioner West and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The fuel tank did not have any bids.

ADAMS COUNTY

STATE'S ATTORNEY:

Aaron Roseland met with the Commission for updating. Mr. Roseland discussed possibly replacing the office doors with service windows, similar to what Corson County, SD is completing at their courthouse. Mr. Roseland discussed the need to continue working on zoning issues, including data centers, wind farms, etc., and hopes to have something drafted to review, revise, and adopt as early as the July meeting. Discussion was had on the pros and cons of data centers. Mr. Roseland discussed it might be a good idea to take a day trip to Ellendale to visit a data center.

BILLS:

- Commissioner Pagel moved to approve paying the following monthly bills, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.:
- Melling & Roseland Law \$194.48
- Matthew Bender & Co. Inc. 79.93
- Dakota Dust-Tex Inc. \$309.32
- Lynn Heath \$800.00
- Denny's Electric \$1,100.00
- New Vision Security Systems \$130.80
- Forte \$660.00
- Krista Faller \$158.75
- Wex Health, Inc \$49.00
- Quadient Finance USA Inc

- \$2,017.40
- Marco Technologies LLC \$3344.36
- Quadient Leasing USA, Inc \$348.48
- Information Technology Dept \$1,047.25
- Software Innovations \$9,900.00
- AT & T Mobility \$496.88
- Lenslock Inc. \$137.24
- The Emblem Authority \$787.00
- Uniform Center \$41.96
- Cenex Fleet Fueling .. \$628.79
- Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative \$1,530.46
- Fibt Att: Credit Dept \$96.55
- Adams County Fair Board \$16,000.00
- Dakota Prairie Helping Hands \$500.00
- Brosz Engineering Inc \$30,597.50
- Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$198.85
- SW Grain - Hettinger \$1,995.75
- Southwest Water Authority \$76.76
- Eido Printing \$720.00
- Northern Improvement \$1,320.00
- Drolc Electric \$366.27
- Lakeside Auto Body & Glass \$188.42
- Auto Value Hettinger 395.88
- Allstate Peterbilt of Dickinson \$264.26
- Laufer Vermeer \$596.60
- North Central International LLC \$72.13
- RDO Equipment \$1,995.48
- Rocket Express Delivery, LLC \$197.50
- Superior Fenders Inc \$2,150.00
- West River Health Services

- \$110.00
- NSDU Ag Budget Office Dept 7510 \$7,262.33
- Aspen Lenning \$214.00
- Melodi Boke \$40.00
- Center Point Publishing \$366.76
- Dacotah Banks, Inc ... \$543.98
- Mid America Books \$365.35
- Red Brick Resources \$440.05
- Adams County Treasurer \$487.50
- ND State Treasurer \$660.43
- Adams County Treasurer \$60.57
- Consolidated Communications \$1,109.89
- DUV Sanitation Inc \$1,412.00
- GS Publishing \$1,459.90
- Hettinger City \$272.26
- J.P. Morgan Chase Bank \$749.95
- Montana Dakota Utilities \$5,222.37
- Office of the Adjutant General \$11,879.64
- Runnings Supply, Inc . \$521.02
- Slope Electric Cooperative \$177.74
- Verizon Wireless \$85.14
- Office of Attorney General - 1250 \$1,140.00
- March Payroll \$73,981.11
- Commissioner West moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Pagel, Chairman Laufer declared the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.
- /s/Dustin Laufer
Dustin Laufer, Chairman
/s/Krista Faller
Krista Faller, Auditor
Published May 21, 2026

CITY OF REEDER Council Proceedings

PROCEEDS OF THE REEDER CITY COUNCIL Official Proceedings of the Reeder City Council "Subject to the Councils Review and Revision" Reeder North Dakota May 11, 2026

The Reeder City Council met at the Reeder Community Center for their regularly scheduled city meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wes Schwarzwalter. Council members were Dennis Munro, Dayne Green, Barney Nichols, Don the maintenance man, Colten Larson was absent.

Visitors were Skip Jaster and Don Perri. Skip was concerned about the sidewalk at the old medicine chest. Don was concerned about the garbage that was blowing around town.

Dayne made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dayne, Motion carried. Barney made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Dayne, Motion carried.

There will be free dump on May 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dayne made a motion to charge \$25.00 for building permits, Barney seconded it, Motion carried.

- Wages \$184.70
- Adams Co \$350.00
- USPS \$106.00
- Wages \$1059.80
- Dpec \$33.00
- Wages \$318.61
- Wages \$461.75
- Consolidated \$194.43
- SWWA \$1732.19
- MDU \$1068.14
- ND Dept of Health \$27.00
- Scranton Equity \$214.93
- Coca Cola \$85.60
- #12240 \$46.15
- Runnings \$135.06
- Rocket Express \$32.50

The next Reeder City Council meeting will be held June 8, 2026. Barney motioned to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned.
/s/Wes Schwarzwalter, West Schwarzwalter, Mayor
/s/Char Larson
Char Larson, City Auditor
Published May 21, 2026

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
Westlake Specialty Insurance Company In the state of TX	
Total Assets	13909597
Total Liabilities	3783353
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2500000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	7500000
Unassigned funds (surplus)	126244
Total Capital and Surplus	10126244
Total Liabilities, Capital and Surplus	13909597
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Direct Premiums	0
Earned	0
Total Direct Losses	0
Incurred	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Eamed	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Incurred	0
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE	
I, Jon Godfread, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2026 (SEAL).	
JON GODFREAD Commissioner of Insurance	
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid, NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2026 (SEAL)	
JON GODFREAD Commissioner of Insurance Published May 14, 21, 28, 2026	

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